

THE PRINCE ALBERT TIMES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1883.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

In considering the various claims of the amended Dominion Lands Act it seems a great pity that more attention had not been given to the matter of homestead duties. Improvement and cultivation, under certain circumstances, might very well have been substituted for the cash in lieu regulation as to actual residence for a specified period. Such substitution would prove an estimable lesson to worthy and deserving settlers. So long as the spirit of the law was complied with the letter might be overlooked. A homesteader having rested on his claim for some time and having expended all his cash in providing for him and family could not be greatly blamed if he accepted a situation or employment near by in order to add to his resources. In such a case he would either have to abandon his claim or cheat the Government by complying with the letter of the law by visiting the homestead every Saturday or Sunday evening and sleeping in his shanty, thereby keeping off the claim-hunter. Improvements for more than are called for might be accepted in lieu of residence without anyone being the loser. Of course, in every case, it is imperative that the homesteader be an actual settler, and residing and working in the province or district. The country would, we feel sure, be settled out as rapidly, for we doubt not but that immigrants would gladly pay an extra price for land with improvements thereon. The existing regulations as to residence bear more hardly on the settler than the Government has any idea of.

RETARDING SETTLEMENT.

It's a bad business this locking up of the land. It diverts emigrants from its legitimate shores, and militates very greatly against settlement. We are not unjust enough to saddle the Dominion authorities with all the short-comings in matters connected with the North West, at the same time we cannot but admit that there has been gross blundering somewhere. Especially so has this been the case as regards lands in the North West. People have gone on in advance of surveys and taken up claims, and now it appears that their rights are not to be respected, if, indeed, it is considered that they have any rights at all. First occupancy in our opinion, should be a right to be respected everywhere. The withdrawal from sale of all old numbered sections in this district has already been announced. The whole of the old numbered sections south of the Railway Belt and extending for a long distance west has been handed over to the Pacific Syndicate, besides which all the even numbered sections in a large tract of country in Southern Manitoba have been withdrawn. All of which means that if this sort of thing goes on much longer land will become very scarce, and instead of intending settlers being able to secure claims immediately upon their arrival in the country they will have to spend much valuable time and more money in securing that which they fondly expected to obtain without any vexatious delay. The Dominion Government has done a great deal and expended a lot of money in inducing immigration; it would be a serious drawback now if all this was to go for naught. In inducing immigration the Government should go still further and see those coming out actually settled in their new home. It might be more expensive, it is true, but it would be much more satisfactory. The fairly interest taken by the United States authorities in similar matters affords a striking contrast. In a territory so vast as this of ours, it would not seem, at the first flush, to be a difficult matter for the immigrant and intending settler to obtain a home, and yet this locking up of land, as it is being done, makes the above appear more of a problem than at first might be supposed. A greatly increased influx of settlers to the North West is expected this year; in the interests

of the country it is certainly to be hoped that the way will be made comparatively smooth for them, and obstacles not placed in their path at every turn.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The United States postal authorities have introduced a considerable improvement in the cumbersome money order system. The latter system, though considered a decided convenience in its day, might well be made to give way to the newer method. This consists in the postmaster issuing to the person who wishes to transmit money a postal draft upon the postmaster at the other office. The draft is made payable to bearer, and is payable only at the postoffice named in it. The amount payable for the draft is only three cents, but if three months are allowed to elapse before it is presented for payment, another charge of three cents will be made. This is decidedly a cheaper and quicker method than that of issuing money order, while it secures the transmitter quite as well.

From the Brockville *Reformer* we clip the following:—

Messrs. J. Hard and Will Thompson, are about leaving for Prince Albert, where Mr. Hard will join his brothers, who went last spring. They are doing well in the land of "blue cold noses and wrinkled brows." The Hard Bros. would need to do well, as they left good situations here. If the said young men perform their duties in that far off land as they did in this, they will form a good acquisition to any society in which they may move.

Our worthy contemporary has evidently confounded the North-West with Nova Scotia, for we never have "blue cold noses and wrinkled brows." It is cool in winter and pleasantly warm in summer up here in the North West, it is true, but nobody ever appears to feel the variations in the temperature. It is only a pitying way these down east papers have of talking of this wonderful climate of ours.

In speaking of the latest weather prophet, Professor Wiggins, an exchange wittily remarks:—

About the safest business anybody can embark in is that of opened up by Mr. Wiggins, who has predicted hail and vapor from the places they have for some years occupied as the best known abroad of Canadians. A prediction of a great storm to occur within three or four days on one side or other of any selected date is a pretty safe prediction. There are usually from ten to eighteen such storms in every March within the range of the United States observatories. If the predicted storm does not occur in the North Atlantic within the promised time, the prophet can shelter himself in the Bay of Bengal. Failing that there is the Gulf of Mexico, and as a last resort the Gulf of Carpentaria to fall back upon. By putting on a bald face, and saying that the storm struck the other side of the earth, where news will not be obtainable for a few weeks, the weather prophet can excuse himself till the tickle public has forgotten him, and is running after some new inventor.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE

Electoral District

OF

LORNE

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Having been requested by a number of friends to offer myself as a Candidate for the coming Election, I beg respectfully to announce that it is my intention to come out, and if returned, I pledge myself to do all in my power to further the interests of Prince Albert and vicinity.

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